

# 2019 LCWR Assembly

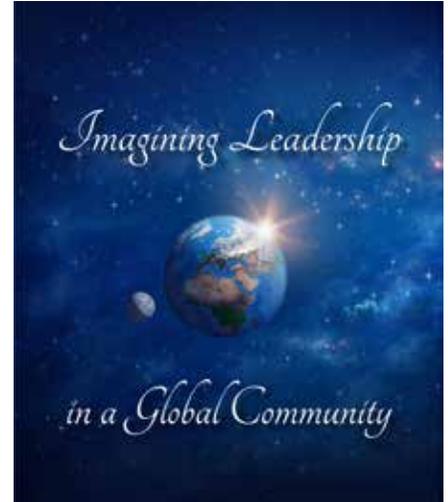
## IMAGINING LEADERSHIP IN A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Fairmont Scottsdale Princess -- Scottsdale, Arizona

August 13 — 16, 2019

The 2019 LCWR assembly will be an important gathering as women religious leaders explore together the exciting movements occurring within contemporary religious life – globally and nationally.

The event aims to help participants learn to practice anticipatory leadership during this unique era in religious life. In this time of unprecedented shifts in the understandings of religious life and in the exercise of leadership, how can we learn to consistently watch the emerging trends in society, science, the church, and more to see how they might impact our religious institutes and their mission? How might we learn to look at how those forces and patterns create challenges and opportunities and then discern how we may best respond? In this assembly, we will look particularly at the emergence of the new within this lifeform. In the midst of the deep transformation occurring in religious life, how can leaders assist their members to claim their own critical part in birthing the new life that is aching to come forth?



## Assembly Highlights

This assembly intends to address some of the urgent questions LCWR members are raising, such as:

- **Understanding this moment in US religious life from the perspective of the Paschal Mystery.** What kind of leadership is needed to ground and support the new that is emerging?
- **Seeing US religious life in the context of the global sisterhood.** What are the questions being explored by women religious leaders throughout the world and how might US women religious grow even more integrally connected to the global sisterhood?
- **Envisioning new ways of leading religious life.** How are the new insights about religious life shaping how we might lead our own institutes?

### Imagining Leadership in a Global Community

An important part of this assembly will be the opportunity to examine what LCWR is learning through its emergent planning process. The process has drawn upon the 2018 assessment by LCWR members of the conference's services, as well as the input from more than 150 people who participated in 32 focus groups with the LCWR planning process design team. These groups looked at how LCWR might re-imagine itself to be a relevant resource for religious life in this time of significant demographic shifts. Those participating in the focus groups included former LCWR presidents and executive directors, sisters from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, young religious, facilitators, and members of the public with close ties to Catholic sisters. Their input has created a body of critical new insights into how religious life is already emerging into something quite different from what we have known until now.

Woven throughout the assembly will be opportunities for the members to engage in conversations with a variety of people to explore the significance of these insights. How are these insights calling us to reshape the way in which we lead our own religious

institutes? How are they calling LCWR to reimagine itself as a conference that is as supportive as possible of religious life as it moves into the future? These sessions are still being developed and will consist of a number of ways to creatively interact with what we are learning about leadership and the new visions for religious life. These sessions are currently listed on the assembly schedule as "Imagining Leadership in a Global Community."

LCWR hopes to include a number of guests at this assembly who will join with members in these conversations so as to expand the perspectives of all present. These conversations will provide a valuable opportunity for all members to engage with others who are passionate about religious life and have ideas for how it may best be supported into the future. We anticipate that these guests will include younger religious, religious from a variety of ethnicities, facilitators who work with religious communities, and representatives of many of the national organizations serving religious life.

This year's assembly will take place in a unique and beautiful setting in the midst of the mountains and desert of Arizona. We look forward to allowing the area's culture and terrain inform our prayer and processing during the assembly.



## Keynoter

**Pat Murray, IBVM**, executive secretary of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG), will serve as the assembly keynoter. In her position at the heart of global religious life she has observed the variety of ways in which religious life leadership is being exercised throughout the world. Her presentation and reflections will explore how leaders can learn to focus on what is emerging in religious life and find meaning in their ministry in this evolutionary era.



A member of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary from Ireland, Pat has worked with many others to initiate creative inter-congregational pastoral responses to today's global needs. These include establishing inter-congregational communities in South Sudan and Sicily, the development of global networks against human trafficking, and connecting sisters working with migrants and refugees. Her past ministries have included serving as the first executive director of Solidarity with South Sudan, a council member for her own congregation, president of the Irish Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace, and a principal and teacher. She was appointed by the government of Ireland as the vice president of the country's national council for curriculum and assessment. She has a masters degree in education from Trinity College, Dublin and a masters in theology and a doctorate in practical theology from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.

## Presidential Address

**Sharlet Wagner, CSC** will deliver the LCWR presidential address.



## Contemplative Processing/Making Meaning

As with recent LCWR assemblies, the 2019 gathering will incorporate contemplative processing so that participants may collectively listen carefully for the movement of God's Spirit among them. Processing will be especially directed to assisting members to find meaning in their own ministry of leadership as well as empowering them to support their own institute members find meaning in this era of significant challenge and change. **We are looking for LCWR members willing to serve as facilitators at their tables. If you are open to serving in this way, please indicate this on your registration form. Table facilitators need to participate in a 30-minute orientation on Tuesday, August 13 at 4:30 PM.**

## Being in Communion with the Global Community

The intention of the entire LCWR assembly will be for the global community, especially those parts of this community that are suffering in any way. We will keep reminders before us that our very act of gathering has the potential to place love on the currents of consciousness and direct it to the places of greatest pain, sorrow, and loss in this wounded world.



Participants will be invited to intentionally hold various fractured parts of the world in their thoughts, their moments of quiet, and their times of prayer throughout the assembly. Various experiences of communal prayer and contemplation for the needs of the world will also be woven through the events of these days.

The Moor 2 Room in the hotel will be dedicated as contemplative space and will be available for our use at any time of the day or night throughout the assembly. Participants are encouraged to spend time in that space and consciously join their contemplative prayer with others for the needs of the world. Optional sessions will also be offered when members may gather together in that space for a period of more focused contemplation, and two sessions will be offered outdoors on the beautiful grounds of the hotel.

## Assembly Resolution

The 15 LCWR regions are in the process of considering a resolution during their spring meetings. Based upon the regional feedback, the resolution will be refined and presented for affirmation at the assembly.

## Justice Presentation and Action

On August 16, a panel will explore the focus of the proposed assembly resolution which is centered on the intersection of racism, immigration, and climate change. At the close of the presentation, all members and guests will be invited to participate in a collective advocacy action.

## Outstanding Leadership Award

LCWR will honor **Norma Pimentel, MJ** with its 2019 Outstanding Leadership Award. A religious sister of the Missionaries of Jesus, Norma serves as the executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, the charitable arm of the Diocese of Brownsville, Texas. She has been instrumental in organizing the local response to the recent surges of Central Americans seeking asylum in the United States, and helped to establish the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas.



## New Member Orientation

Any LCWR member who is attending an LCWR assembly for the first time, or any current member who has been out of leadership for a few years is encouraged to attend the New Member Orientation on **Tuesday, August 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM**. Participants will receive valuable information, not only about the assembly, but also about the organization.

## Spanish Language

Since Spanish is the first language of several LCWR members, we will provide both professional simultaneous translation services as well as the opportunity for those leaders to be at tables where they can process the assembly in the language that is most comfortable for them. In order to have diversity at those tables, we invite any member who speaks Spanish to consider participating at a Spanish-speaking table. *(Those wishing to utilize the translation services and/or sit at a Spanish-speaking table are asked to indicate this on their registration form.)*

## In Service of the Assembly

**Catherine Bertrand, SSND** will serve as the assembly facilitator. Cathy currently works as a facilitator for religious institutes and previously served in religious life leadership, as a member of the LCWR national board, and as executive director of the National Religious Vocation Conference.



**Donna Fyffe** will facilitate the work of the LCWR emerging planning process during the assembly. Donna has been facilitating the work of the process's design team throughout this year. An experienced process consultant and entrepreneur, she is the founder of CommunityWorks, Inc.



**Kathy Fletcher Wray** will serve as the assembly liturgist. She is the coordinator of worship and director of the St. Joseph Spirituality Center for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden, Pennsylvania.



## Assembly Schedule

### Tuesday, August 13, 2019

1:00 PM	Registration Opens
2:00 PM	New Member Orientation
4:30 PM	Table Facilitators Orientation
7:00 PM	Opening of the Assembly
8:30 PM	Social with Light Refreshments

### Wednesday, August 14, 2019

7:30 AM	Eucharistic Liturgy
9:00 AM	<b>Opening of the Day</b> <b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Pat Murray, IBVM</b>
11:15 AM	Keynote processing
12:30 PM	Lunch on your own
2:30 PM	<b>Imagining Leadership in a Global Community</b>
5:15 PM	Candidates' Forum
5:30 PM	Reflection on the Day
5:45 PM	Closing
8:30 PM	Communal Contemplation (outdoors & optional)

### Thursday, August 15, 2019

7:30 AM	Communal Contemplation (outdoors & optional)
8:50 AM	Voting on Candidates
9:00 AM	<b>Opening of the Day</b> <b>Presidential Address</b> <b>Sharlet Wagner, CSC</b>
11:15 AM	Processing of the Presidential Address
12:30 PM	Lunch on your own
2:30 PM	<b>Imagining Leadership in a Global Community</b>
4:45 PM	Eucharistic Liturgy
5:15 PM	Reflection on the Day and Process
5:30 PM	Closing
8:30 PM	Communal Contemplation (optional)

### Friday, August 16, 2019

7:45 AM	Communal Contemplation (optional)
9:00 AM	<b>Imagining Leadership in a Global Community</b>
10:45 AM	Assembly Resolution Hearing <b>Justice Presentation and Action</b>
12:15 PM	Lunch on your own
2:00 PM	<b>Committing to the Future</b> Blessing of Leadership Ritual
3:45 PM	Eucharistic Liturgy
7:00 PM	Banquet Outstanding Leadership Award Presentation Closing of the Assembly

## Registration Fees

Before June 21	\$455.00 USD
June 22-July 15	\$465.00 USD
After July 15	\$500.00 USD
After August 1	\$515.00 USD

For cancellations before **June 21** all but a \$50 processing fee will be refunded. Only a 50% refund will be made for cancellations between **June 22 and July 15**. **No refunds will be made for cancellations after July 15, 2019. We cannot make exceptions to the cancellation policy.**

After you register online, a confirmation e-mail will be sent to you. After completing the online registration, you must send a check for the assembly registration fee made payable only in USD to LCWR Assembly and mail it to:

**LCWR Assembly**  
8737 Colesville Road, Suite 610  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

A growing number of congregations no longer have the funds to afford the costs of attending an LCWR assembly and request financial assistance from LCWR. We ask you to consider making a donation to the LCWR Financial Assistance Fund so that the conference can offer some assistance to leaders who request help. Please include your donation with your check for your own assembly registration and indicate on the check that the donation is included. For more information, contact Christine Beckett, SCN at 301-588-4955 or [cbeckett@lcwr.org](mailto:cbeckett@lcwr.org). If your congregation needs scholarship support to attend the assembly, you may also contact Christine.

## Hotel Information

**Fairmont Scottsdale Princess**  
7575 East Princess Drive  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85255  
<https://www.fairmont.com/scottsdale/>

### Guest Room Rates

Single Occupancy: \$139 plus taxes  
Double Occupancy: \$139 plus taxes

**All hotel reservations must be made online at:** <https://www.nixmeetings.com/lcwr2019>.

LCWR's room rates, as well as its payments for meeting spaces, are dependent on filling a set number of rooms as specified in our contract with the hotel. Assembly costs will be much higher if LCWR does not meet the room count. Rooms may also be reserved at this price for three days prior to and three days following the assembly dates based on availability.

To ensure that you receive these rates **please make your reservation by the cut-off date of July 12, 2019**. After that date you may be required to pay full price for these rooms. The hotel will honor sleeping room cancellations received 24 hours prior to arrival. Cancellations after this time will not receive a refund. Check in is at 4:00 p.m., check out is at 12:00 p.m.

**Because of the additional participants at this assembly and the limited number of rooms, you are advised to make your reservations by June 1.**

## Travel to Hotel

The closest international airport to Fairmont Scottsdale Princess is **Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX)**.

### Shuttle Service

<https://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?GC=F7XHC>

Discount: Your discount gives you the following discounts made online:

- 10% off one-way and 10% off round-trip SuperShuttle shared rides
- 10% off one-way and 10% off round-trip SuperShuttle ExecuCar

### Transtyle Sedan

Estimated price for a one way airport transfer is \$65 - \$85 per sedan or SUV, including gratuity. For advance reservations, please call 800-410-5479. To request pick-up from the airport terminal, look for the transportation board near the baggage claim area.

### Driving Directions from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

- Follow Sky Harbor Blvd. to 'East Cities/Exit 202'.
- Continue to Hwy 202. Take Hwy 202 East to Hwy 101 Loop North.
- Follow Hwy 101 North and exit on Scottsdale Road.
- Turn left (south) on Scottsdale Road and continue to Princess Drive.
- Turn left (east) on Princess Drive, follow signs to the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess. (Approx. .03 miles)
- Lobby entrance will be on your right.

### Driving Directions to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

- Turn right onto Princess Drive, continue to Hayden Road.
- Turn left on Hayden Road until Hwy 101 Loop South.
- Turn right onto Hwy 101 South.
- Continue South on Hwy 101 to Hwy 202.
- Take Hwy 202 West and continue to Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport exit. Follow the signs to your appropriate terminal.

## Parking

The hotel has three parking lots, one for each section of the hotel.

- Valet parking: From \$24 USD for overnight, including in-and-out privileges
- Self parking: \$15 USD per night
- Visitor parking: \$12 USD for valet temporary parking and \$8 USD for temporary self-parking.



## Other Information

### Exhibits

A wide selection of goods and services is represented in the exhibit area which will be open to attendees:

Tuesday, August 13	1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 14	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 15	8:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

### Handout Materials

ONLY LCWR assembly program-related materials may be placed on the participants' tables in the ballroom. Members may distribute or pick up materials about programs offered or promoted by religious congregations and organizations near the registration tables.



